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## Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, January 21, 2013, at 11:30 a.m.

## House of Representatives

MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2013

The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. EMERSON).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
January 14, 2013.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JO ANN EMERSON to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

JOHN A. BOEHNER,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: Eternal God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

We pause now in Your presence and acknowledge our dependence on You.

We ask Your blessing upon the men and women of this, the people's House, who are returning to their stations here on Capitol Hill.

As the new Congress begins, help them, and indeed, help us all, to obey Your law, to do Your will, and to walk in Your way. Grant that they might be good in thought, gracious in word, generous in deed, and great in spirit.

Make this a glorious day in which all are glad to be alive and ready to serve You.

May all that is done this day be done for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. KILDEE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. KILDEE led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### AGENDA FOR 2013

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to ad-

dress the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, the start of a new congressional term brings tremendous opportunity for House Republicans to lead our Nation on a path to prosperity. Last week, I held three press conferences across the Second Congressional District of South Carolina from West Columbia to Aiken, North Augusta, and unveiled an agenda for this year.

For the past 4 years, our unemployment rate has averaged above 8 percent, the highest on record since the Great Depression. I look forward to continue working with House Republicans to encourage job creation through economic growth.

Additionally, Congress must limit Washington's out-of-control spending and reduce our \$16 trillion debt to protect the value of the dollar for senior citizens and so that future generations do not endure the burden of higher taxes. I appreciate the efforts to encourage America's energy independence so that we do not have to rely on foreign resources.

As chairman of the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Military Personnel, I look forward to advocating for our armed forces, military families, and veterans. In order to protect our national security, our military must remain the most capable in the world to provide peace through strength. Weakness leads to attack.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

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